

LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE
McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock, IL 60098

MINUTES OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

Chairman Provenzano called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following Committee Members were present: Nick Provenzano, Chairman; Sue Draffkorn; Randy Donley; Jim Heisler and Dan Shea. James Kennedy arrived at 8:18a.m. Yvonne Barnes arrived at 8:21a.m. Also in attendance: Pete Austin, County Administrator; Tiki Carlson, E-911; Undersheriff Gene Lowery, Captain Shepherd and Chief Sedlock, Sheriff's Department; Judge Michael Sullivan; Nick Carroccia, Integrated Justice; Haje Black, Senior Management Consultant and Akbar Farook, Management Consultant from ISS, Inc.; Barry Valentine, EMA; interested public and the press.

Nick Provenzano, Chairman	
Yvonne M. Barnes	Randy Donley
Sue Draffkorn	Jim Heisler
James P. Kennedy	Dan Shea

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the committee minutes of September 8, 2008. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler, to approve the minutes of September 8, 2008 as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Mr. Kennedy arrived at 8:18a.m.

Ms. Barnes arrived at 8:21a.m.

PRESENTATION

Integrated Justice: Ms. Haje Black, Senior Management Consultant, along with Akbar Farook, Management Consultant from ICC, Inc., joined committee members to provide a mid-point update of the Integrated Justice project. McHenry County is ahead of other Counties in the State on bringing a project of this scope together. The bottom line is that the integration is being created for the safety of its citizens by providing better information for better decision making for all agencies involved. Ms. Black stated that she has received universal support among the various departments involved. There currently are two major hubs of information, one hub is for the court system and the other is the Sheriff, police departments, fire and dispatch. The system will have multiple levels of security. The system would give more proactive time for patrol officers and simplify work for these officers. While working on the project the interviewees spent a day with a patrol officer and found their cars to be very crowded with equipment and paperwork, which are a required part of their job. Improving life of the officers in their cars is a major issue and the integration of the various systems will help eliminate the duplicate data entry that is currently being done. The various agencies each use 3 to 5 different systems with each person needing the information having to search the various agencies and programs in order to obtain the needed information. The Integrated Justice System will allow the person to do a single search from the information hub to extract the information. Committee members were informed that they will continue to document recommendations and create a blueprint and roadmap for discussion by the end of November. Committee members questioned if the program would be county wide or more. Committee members were informed that the system would first be created for the local level but could be expanded to State and Federal levels at a later date. The committee members noted that they want to make sure the officers are getting information regarding issues from other communities and the regional system would be the first priority. It is also imperative that the officers are sharing information from officer to officer, shift to shift and department to department. Committee members were informed that the project is on budget and the County is lucky to have Ms. Black and Mr. Farook to help with their wealth of knowledge needed for this project. Once the roadmap is created it will provide estimated costs and a timeframe for the implementation of the complete project. Some grant funding is available for this project as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Provenzano noted that the agenda will be altered to assist those needing to leave the committee meeting.

Discussion – Traub's Fox River View Estates request for the Sheriff to enforce the Illinois Vehicle Code in their private subdivision: Chairman Provenzano reminded committee members of a private neighborhood's request to obtain Sheriff Patrols within their private subdivision. Committee members were previously provided a copy of the procedure for declaring a private road a public highway for the purposes of enforcing the Illinois Vehicle Code. A traffic study has been completed and reviewed by the McHenry County Division of Transportation (McDOT) and they have stated that they have no objections with the study and concur with the recommendations for the proposed signage. Algonquin Township has agreed to install any necessary signage detailed in the

traffic study. It was noted that McDOT does not provide recommendations for the study. It only states that the study was done correctly. The Sheriff's Department personnel noted that in order to enforce the Illinois Vehicle Code, the signage must be in place first. Chairman Provenzano noted that this issue will be reviewed again at the next committee meeting for consideration of approval, which is subject to improvements being completed within the subdivision.

Discussion - Towing: Committee members were joined by Commander Bainer, from the ICC (Illinois Commerce Commission) to answer questions surrounding the relocation towing/safety towing program the county opted into beginning October 16th. Chairman Provenzano informed committee members that the County is working with Senator Althoff and Representative Franks to separate the relocation and safety towing programs. Four safety towing providers have signed up through the ICC and one has signed up as a relocation tower. If a company wants to be part of the safety tower program or relocating towing program within the County, they must register with the ICC. The County currently recommends continuation of the program. While being a part of this program, the tower must tell how much the cost of the tow will be and they must verify that the person has the authority to authorize a tow. The unique identifier is important. This lets the consumer know what the cost will be before entering into a business arrangement. The ICC does not regulate what the towers can charge. Relocation towing is highly regulated since the towers are towing a vehicle without permission. Background checks are completed on all applicants applying for a relocation towing license. Police tows are the only area not regulated. The cost of the registration fees are used for enforcement by the ICC. Committee members were reminded that the County has already opted into this program, so the towers must comply to do business in the County.

Resolution authorizing a budget line item transfer in the Law Library Fund FY08 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a budget line item transfer in the Law Library Fund FY08 budget. The Law Library budget has been reduced to levels below what is needed to fund the rest of FY08 due to increased costs of maintenance of publications. Ms. Draffkorn made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association EOC Grant Program Grant Agreement and an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Management Agency's FY08/09 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association EOC Grant Program Grant Agreement and an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Management Agency's FY08/09 budget. Mr. Valentine stated that the grant allows for the purchase of equipment for the operations room and brings the equipment up to industry standards. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

Update on natural hazards mitigation plan: Mr. Valentine informed committee members that the RFP has been sent out to 22 vendors for the natural hazards mitigation plan. 9 RFP's have been received. These RFP's will be ranked with 3 or 4 companies being brought in for an interview. Additional clarification will be needed before a decision can be made on who will be interviewed.

Resolution authorizing a garage lease agreement between McHenry County and James Bryan, Jr.: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing a garage lease agreement between McHenry County and James Bryan, Jr. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Mr. Valentine noted that the lease arrangement is working well for the department. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

Resolution authorizing entering into a contract with Correct Care Solutions to provide healthcare for the correctional facility: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing entering into a contract with Correct Care Solutions to provide healthcare for the correctional facility. The Sheriff, working with the Purchasing Director, drafted and sent a RFP to several vendors. Six proposals were received and Correct Care Solutions was determined to be the most responsible bid. Mr. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kennedy to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

Resolution authorizing budget line item transfer in the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant FY08 budget: Committee members reviewed a Resolution authorizing budget line item transfer in the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant FY08 budget. Mr. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barnes to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. This grant comes from the Bureau of Justice which provides grant funds to help with the expenses from illegal detainees. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Barnes, Donley, Draffkorn, Heisler, Kennedy, Shea, Provenzano)

Captain Shepherd reminded committee members that Motorola agreed to re-band the radios within the department. He noted that he has obtained an agreement with Sprint as well. Sprint will pay Motorola with no cost to the County. A Resolution will be brought forward in the near future for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Heisler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Draffkorn to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

- Resolution authorizing a budget line item transfer in the Law Library Fund FY08 budget
- Resolution authorizing acceptance of the Illinois Emergency Services Management Association EOC Grant Program Grant Agreement and an emergency appropriation in the Emergency Management Agency's FY08/09 budget
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- Resolution authorizing entering into a contract with Correct Care Solutions to provide healthcare for the correctional facility
- Resolution authorizing budget line item transfer in the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) grant FY08 budget

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